THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVEOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Periodic inspections of schools are carried out to cover academic aspects, physical facilities and other problems in the schools. The Govt. of N.C.T. of Dehi has informed that no critical study of the functioning of the Govt. run schools has been made.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Plan for Hopes and Aspirations of Nation

2075. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan for the hopes and aspirations of the nation, vested in children, the future of India, on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of India's Independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Department of Women & Child Development, Government of India sponsored a National Children's Festival at New Delhi from 2nd to 10th October, 1997. The National Children's Festival was organised with a view to promote the full participation of children in the golden jubilee celebrations of India's Independence; pay tribute to freedom fighters and national leaders, to instill the vision of greatness cherished by our Founding Fathers, to inculcate a sense of self discipline to interaction, competition and integration; to provide a platform to children for mutual appreciation of India's great socio-cultural diversity, create an environment to strengthen the bonds of friendship and unity amongst children of different states and Union Territories; identify exceptional children in rural areas, urban slums and among children with disabilities in the areas of fine and performing arts, craft work, painting, vocal and instrumental music etc., including sensitising children on socially relevant issues, children representing 24 States/UTs. participated in the festivall.

As part of the Golden Jubilee anniversary celebrations, the Government has also launched the Balika Samriddhi Yojana, a Scheme to raise the status of the Girl Child.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Misbehaviour with Foreigners in Historical Monuments at Agra

2076. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the incidence of cases of organised theft, ticket resale, molestation and mis-behaviour with the foreigners in the historical monuments at Agra under the control of Archaeological Survey of India during the last four years;

(b) whether any decision has been taken to replace the then Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Agra Circle, Agra;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any high-level inquiry has been initiated to investigate the reasons for such Circle-office administrative lapse and fixing of responsibility;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise here.

(c) to (f) Question does not arise.

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा शोध सहयोगी और शोध वैज्ञानिक के पदों को समाप्त करना

2077. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग ने विश्वविद्यालय व्यवस्था से शोध सहयोगी और शोध वैज्ञानिक के दो पदों को समाप्त करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) क्या इस कदम से विश्वविद्यालयों में अनुसंधान कार्य पर अत्यधिक प्रतिकूल असर पड़ेगा; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण और क्या औचित्य है?